

**There is an option.**

**Don't abandon  
your baby.**

**Safely Surrender your baby.**

## **The Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

- ✓ Permits the parent(s) or surrendering person to safely and confidentially surrender a baby within three days of birth to any hospital or other designated Safe Surrender Sites in California.
- ✓ Provides a safe place for babies.
- ✓ Protects the parent(s) or surrendering person from prosecution for child abandonment.
- ✓ Does not require that names be given when the baby is surrendered.
- ✓ Allows the parent(s) or surrendering person at least 14 days to reclaim the baby.



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<http://www.babysafe.ca.gov>

State of California

• Health and Human Services Agency

• Department of Social Services

